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An Information Periodical For DISC Employees

Ideas

Please send us any ideas for articles, or other suggestions, for the DISC Newsletter.

Enterprise Application Rate by Pat Orr

On July 1, 2005 DISC will enter a new era that keeps us abreast of changes in technology. DISC will introduce an Enterprise Application Rate (EAR) that recovers the cost of critical Department of Administration applications (STARS, SHARP and BMS).

Let us define some terms that help to understand the rate process. DISC receives its operating money in two ways. One way comes directly from legislative appropriations or the State General Fund (SGF). The other money comes from the rates we charge our customers for services we sell or the "rate base." Currently, agencies do not pay to use either STARS, SHARP or BMS. The funding for these three applications comes from BDAS SGF. The problem with this arrangement is that the bills keep coming for the software, equipment and maintenance, but the SGF money has decreased over the past several years.

We had to compute a rate that would decrease our dependence on SGF money and fund STARS, SHARP and BMS. That is why we developed the Enterprise Application Rate.

The rate includes all the people who support these applications, pays for on going costs and provides funding for future system upgrades. Agencies will pay \$3.50 per active employee for STARS, SHARP and BMS.

What makes this rate so special? We want this new rate revenue neutral to DISC. In other words, we want agencies to pay us the same amount of money but have it come in different ways. We had to rethink all our rates to make sure each one recovered only what was needed. We were able to significantly lower the CPU, tape occupancy, DASD, KANWIN and voice switching rates. We waited until July 1, 2005 to implement the new rate, enabling agencies time to include all the rates in their FY 2006 IT budgets.

Finally, where will we go from here? We plan to restructure the KANWIN rate, compute a data storage rate and find a new way to bill Central Mail operating costs.



EMPLOYEE INFO

Happy November Birthdays to:



Dana Jolley

Sharon Richardson

Alicia Etzel

Susan Howarter

Denise Moore

Michael Allen

Regina Mannell

Richard Escobar

Bill Roth

Gary Bickel

Liang-Huei Fan

Births

Judi Niccoli's Grandson
Jacob James Droge



Lowell Chellberg's
Grandaughter
Kelsey Grace
Chellberg



New Employee

Rob Dressman
BOT



Welcome to DISC Rob

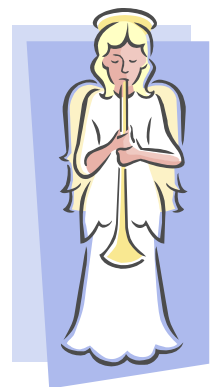
Deaths

Jean Pierce's Mother-In-Law

Ryan Rinehart's Grandfather

Jeff Muller's Father-in-Law

*We Are So Sorry For The Loss
Of Your Loved Ones*



Marriages

Brian Frahm - Jessica

Dan Holmes - Julie

Get Ready for Winter Driving

According to the Federal Emergency Management Agency, the leading cause of death during winter storms is transportation accidents. So act now to prepare your vehicle and yourself for inclement winter weather.

Before cold and icy weather hits Kansas, check the following items on your vehicle: battery, antifreeze, wipers and windshield washer fluid, ignition system, thermostat, lights, flashing hazard lights, exhaust system, heater, brakes, defroster, oil level, and tires.

Make sure the tires have adequate tread. All-weather radials are usually adequate for most conditions. Keep a windshield scraper and small broom for ice and snow removal. I like to install winter wiper blades for vehicles that sit outside. They do not freeze up with ice or snow.

Maintain at least a half tank of fuel during the winter season. Listen to the radio or call 511 for the latest road conditions. When traveling out of town, drive during daylight hours whenever possible. Try to take another person with you. Dress warmly. Wear several layers of loose-fitting, layered, light-weight clothing.

Carry food and water. Store a supply of high energy “munchies” and several bottles of water. Contact your local emergency management office or American Red Cross chapter for more information on winter driving.

Have a Safe Holiday Season!!



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Meeting Our Customer's Needs

KUDOs

DISC

I would like to express my appreciation for the tremendous cooperation we received from the DISC staff during the reorganization of the employment and training sections formerly with the Department of Human Resources to the Kansas Department of Commerce. From the beginning Denise Moore understood the magnitude of the transition, and showed outstanding leadership in bringing together the critical services necessary for this transition to be completed successfully.

There are several individuals who merit special thanks for their part in the technical services they provided:

Bill Kelly and his installation technicians; Jim Logan and Clayton Kinnett who helped with network design, firewall configuration and other network expertise; Larry Kettlewell for assistance with the security concept and good practical advice on improving our security design; Joe Hennes and staff for helping with relocating our servers to the Landon Building.

From: Jeff Conrad, CIO Commerce.



BIS

TO: Lowell Chellberg, Scott Bickel, Susan Howarter, Richard Escobar, Dan Rethman, Janel Johnson, Terry Howarter, Kelly Ernst, Beth Zlotky, David Dobber, Gary Sherrer, Kent Dugan, Jim Arnold, and Dallas Brown

The completion of the z/OS upgrade marks the end of an 18 month project in BIS to keep the mainframe at the forefront of IT technology. This project began with the replacement of the Amdahl processor by an IBM z/800 capable of supporting 64-bit processing. It is ending with the operating system upgrade which takes advantage of the 64 bit capability.

The z/OS upgrade was tracked with a timeline which included over 200 high level tasks. Literally thousands of detailed tasks that weren't even tracked were carried out to complete this effort. Over 100 individual products and components of the operating system were effected by the change. The work was complete primarily by 14 BIS employees with the expertise and dedication to see the project through to completion.

From: Jay Coverdale

I wanted to share Jay's reflections with the other management staff and say that the entire BIS team has certainly accomplished a tremendous effort. This has been a huge project and an important one for the enterprise. Congratulations to Joe, Jay and

all who made this possible.

From: Denise Moore, DISC Director

BOT

TO: Dan Glotzbach, Dave Willoughby, Larry Buckles, Dan Czajkowski

Thank you for the great work put forward by all parties involved in the CSOB garden level commerce renovation project. We truly appreciate the dedication and cooperation exhibited by KDHE, DFM, DISC, and the subcontractors.

FROM: Matt Jordon, Department of Commerce

BOT

TO: Theresa Duran, Bill Kelly, Clayton Kinnett, Jim Logan, Dana Jolley

Thanks for your efforts in the DOL project. It was nice to see this plan come together after our many months of meetings and planning sessions. Considering the number of variables involved in this project we believe the implementation was pretty smooth. We have other projects that will be spawned from this and we are pleased to use this as the foundation for our future work together.

FROM: Aaron Wienshienk, Department of Labor

Great Work Everyone !!